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SUBJECT: ST. JOHNS

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- 1. STATE AND TREASURY OPPOSE THE USE OF INTEREST-BEARING RUPEES FOR THE ST. JOHN'S GRANT FOR THE REASONS THE EMBASSY CITES IN REFTEL. WE INFORMED THE AMERICAN BANKS IN INDIA AT THE TIME OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE RUPEE AGREEMENT THAT WE WOULD USE OUR NON-INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS BEFORE USING OUR ACCOUNTS ON DEPOSIT WITH THEM. WE CONCUR IN THE POSITION AS STATED REFTEL AND BELIEVE YOU SHOULD MAINTAIN THAT POSITION BOTH IN GENERAL AND IF GOI RAISES ISSUE IN RELATION TO ST. JOHNS.
- 2. SINCE INDIAN EMBASSY MINISTER BAIJAL HAS RAISED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH AID. WE WILL TELL HIM THAT WHILE THERE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO THE USE OF INTEREST-BEARING FUNDS FOR ST. JOHNS, GENERAL USG FISCAL POLICY CAUSES US TO OPPOSE DRAW DOWN OF INTEREST-BEARING FUNDS WHEN NON-INTEREST BEARING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. WE WILL EXPLAIN THAT POLICY REQUIRES THE USG TO MAXIMIZE THE INTEREST-EARNING POTENTIAL OF U.S.-OWNED FUNDS, A GOAL WHICH

WOULD NOT BE MET WERE WE TO SPEND INTEREST-BEARING RUPEES

WHEN NON-INTEREST BEARING RUPEES REMAIN AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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